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SUBJECT: JULY 14 MORGENPOST ON ALLIED AND SOVIET

MILITARY PATROLS

REF: A(A) USBERLIN 1528, (B) USBERLIN 1836

1. IN SMALL PAGE-TWO STORY JULY 14, CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST REPORTED SOVIET EFFORTS TO GET ALLIES TO CEASE THEIR MILITARY PATROLS IN EAST BERLIN. SOTRY SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED SOVIET AMBASSADOR ABRSIMOV'S PRESENTATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALLEGED ALLIED PATROL VIOLATIONS OF "PROHIBITED AREAS" (SPERRZONEN) AND TRAFFIC REGUALTIONS IN SOVIET SECTOR. CITING "AMERICAN SIDE IN BONN," MORGENPOST ASSERTED THAT SOVIET REMOSTRATIONS WERE NOT VIEWED (BY ALLIES) AS SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION, AS THE "POWER OF PROOF OF SUCH PHOTOS WAS DOUBTFUL."

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2. SAME ARTICLE NOTED ALLIED EFFORTS TO SURVEY EXTENT OF SOVIET MILITARY VEHICLES IN WEST BERLIN. FIRST RESULT OF THE SURVEY, MORGENPOST SAID, WAS TO NOTE THAT SOVIETS GO NOT ONLY TO THE SOVIET WAR MEMORIAL, BASC, AND SPANDAU, BUT "SURPRISINGLY EMERGE ALSO IN THE HOUSING AREAS WHERE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIED FORCES RESIDE." ARTICLE DID NOT

TOUCH UPON RECENT INCREASE IN SOVIET VEHICLES IN WESTERN SECTORS (REF B).

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH BERLIN DAILY ABEND ON JUNE 7 REPORTED THAT ALLIED FLAG TOURS WERE DISCUSSED AT MAY 30 ABRSIMOV-SOTESSEL LUNCHEON (REF A), MORGENPOST ACCOUNT IS FIRST WE ARE AWARE OF THAT HAS REFERRED TO PHOTOGRAPHS AND TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS. RUETERS, BBE, AND DIE WELT ALSO HAVE STORY AND ARE EXPECTED TO GO INTO PRINT WITH IT IMMINENTLY. IF WE HAVE PRESS QUERIES, WE INTEND TO ADHERE TO THE LINE PROPOSED IN REF B ON SOVIET MILITARY VEHICLES AND DECLINE COMMENT ON THE SOVIET DEMARCHE ON ALLIED FLAG TOURS IN EAST BERLIN BY NOTING WE DO NOT ORDINARLIY COMMENT PUBLICLY ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE FOUR POWERS.

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